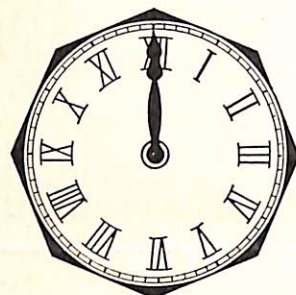


Annual New Year's Party and Ladies' Night

1926



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BOSTON COMMANDERY, K. T.
Friday, December 31, 1926
MASONIC TEMPLE, BOSTON

AT 6:00 O'CLOCK

Reception

Corinthian Hall

AT 6:30 O'CLOCK

Banquet

Banquet Hall

AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

Sweets for our Ladies

Banquet Hall

AT 9:00 O'CLOCK

Entertainment

Ionic Hall

AT 10:30 O'CLOCK

Dancing

Gothic Hall

AT 11:00 O'CLOCK

Serving of Punch

Seventh Floor

AT 11:30 O'CLOCK

Community Singing

Gothic Hall

AT 11:45 O'CLOCK

Presentation of Noise Makers

Gothic Hall

AT 12:00 O'CLOCK

Noise

Gothic Hall

AT 2 MINUTES AFTER 12:00 O'CLOCK

More Dancing—More Noise

Gothic Hall

Tickets for the banquet are \$5.00 per person.

As the number of tickets is necessarily limited and to avoid possible disappointment to yourself and friends, send checks at once to W. P. BULLARD, 110 TREMONT ST., BOSTON. On the evening of our December conclave (December 15, 1926) tickets may be obtained from Sir Knights—

William C. Bragg
Kenneth Cambell
John F. Cook

Burton G. Ellis
Arthur N. Hale
John A. Johnson
John W. Knowles

Fred C. Mackintosh
Winfield L. Nourse
Elmer G. Page
Richard Ray, Jr.

John W. Schaeffer
Oscar W. Waterhouse
Robert G. Willson

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OUR THIRD COMMANDER



JOHN JAMES LORING

BORN in Boston, September 23, 1789, he joined St. Andrews Lodge, A.F. and A.M., March, 1811, and was elected Secretary the following November. Held that office for four years. In November, 1815, he was elected Senior Warden and was elected Master in 1817, serving one year and declining re-election. He was elected Treasurer in 1820, filling that office for thirty consecutive years discharging his duties with great ability and faithfulness.

In December, 1824, he received the appointment of Corresponding Grand Secretary from John Abbott, who was then Grand Master and filled that important position for twenty years and was then unanimously elected Senior Grand Warden, serving one year.

He was admitted to St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter on September 16, 1812, and made an Honorary Member on April 5, 1848. On October 4, 1826, he was elected High Priest, serving one year, and was then unanimously elected Treasurer, which office he held for twenty years.

On May 27, 1915, he was created a Knight Templar in Boston Encampment and on the third of June, was elected Recorder, serving nine years in that office.

He was elected Commander for 1826 and 1827. In 1816, he was recorder of the General Grand Encampment and subsequently served as General Grand Captain General.

"Whenever there were active Masonic duties to be performed, there our Brother left the evidence of his presence and his labors. With characteristic punctuality, he was always among the first at our meetings, the most willing worker and the last to leave. His service, his counsel, and means were ever at the command of his brethren, when needed for the protection or support of our Masonic institutions. In him, there was no guile, with a heart overflowing with kindness, he was ever ready for the relief of suffering humanity."

Such is a brief sketch of the Masonic activities of our third Commander.

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RECEPTION TO

EMINENT SIR FREDERICK H. BRIGGS

Grand Senior Warden of the Grand
Commandery of Massachusetts and
Rhode Island Knights Templars, Com-
manding the First Division.

It must be gratifying to a man to be received into his own Commandery with that spontaneous applause that greeted Em. Sir Briggs on being introduced at our last conclave. He certainly received a real Boston Commandery welcome. Escorted by our guards and a Committee of Past Commanders, presented by Generalissimo Sir Charles L. Hamilton, Eminent Sir Briggs was cordially and courteously received and welcomed by our Commander, Eminent Sir Frank O. Clark, who said in part:

"Boston Commandery is always pleased in having the honor of receiving a visit from a Grand Commandery officer or from our Division Commander. But tonight I feel that it is an especial honor for Boston Commandery, as we are receiving our own, and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction and personal pleasure to have the opportunity of welcoming you, Sir, as Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and as our own Division Commander."

After the applause subsided, Fred replied in his usual manner. You know he is neither a preacher nor an orator, yet he has that happy faculty of being able to talk directly to you with that sincerity of purpose that carries conviction with it. So neither preacher nor orator has an advantage over him.

He gave us quite a talk and while I cannot quote him verbatim, I would like to give an idea of what he said—that is, what appealed to me. After thanking the Commander for his cordial greeting and the courtesy extended, he spoke of the spirit in the different commanderies that he had visited and although we were the oldest, no where had he seen better spirit than right here in Boston Commandery. Of course we believed that to be so for years, but now we know it is a fact. Fred is an authority and we know that he knows what he is talking about. He spoke of the coming celebration of our one hundred

and twenty-fifth anniversary and hoped that it would be celebrated in a manner befitting the prestige and honor due Boston Commandery and wished that every Sir Knight would participate in this celebration, as the success of the occasion depends largely on the cooperation of the members and not on the work of a few officers, and that the very best thing to do was to secure petitions for the orders, as we must have a large class for the occasion.

In speaking of our one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, someone said that 'Boston Commandery was old enough to be in its second childhood'. Fred admitted this to be a fact and at the same time turned that dark cloud of old age completely inside out and showed the silver lining, when he replied that 'there were many things in second childhood much preferable to the first, especially when hale and hearty as in our case, for in second childhood we can enjoy many things denied us in the first. The many acquaintances and friends that we make, the organization of which we are members, the things that we enjoy here in Boston Commandery were all denied us in our first childhood. The hope of enjoying all these things is the only thing that makes the first worth living through.'

With the poet he believes that

"Though the by-gone days were sweet

And youth was good to own,

Full many a joy is ours to meet,

Now that we are older grown.

And though the storms of winter blow

And though the blood runs cold,

Each one of us is glad to know

The joy of growing old."

The guards, under direction of Captain Hale, participated in a special sword drill and were highly commended for the proficiency in their work, after which the Order of the Temple was conferred. Em. Sir Briggs participated in the work and Em. Sir James Moorhead, Jr., Commander of Quincy Commandery also participated.

A very interesting meeting—well worth attending.

YE EDITOR.

Sir Knight F. J. Anshelm, leader of Boston Commandery Choir s recovering from quite a serious illness which kept him in the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital under the supervision of several specialists for about two weeks. He is getting along nicely and is at home. We hope to see him soon in his position of "Leader" wearing that new Boston Commandery Choir Jewel.

"ON TO DETROIT CLUB"
AND
MORE ABOUT THE TRIENNIAL CON-
CLAVE PILGRIMAGE

Last month the "Crusader" made a general announcement of Boston Commandery's plans for the Pilgrimage to the next Triennial Conclave at Detroit in July 1928.

The trip is planned to come within a two weeks' vacation but in that two weeks there is crowded so much that is interesting, enjoyable and inspiring that no trip in recent years can compare with it except possibly the famous cruise to the West Indies and the New Orleans Triennial.

One feature of the 1928 Pilgrimage is alone worth all that it will cost in time and money. That feature is the cruise to the Saguenay. Some people who are poor sailors dread the thought of a boat trip but they should remember that our boat does not go out into open water. All the time is spent on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers where even the poorest sailors may be perfectly comfortable.

The ship is unique in as much as the recreation, amusement and social rooms are separated entirely from the sleeping accommodations so that those who desire rest and quiet will not be disturbed by people using the public rooms by day or by night. Practically all of the staterooms are outside rooms and a number of them with a private bath. There are a few veranda rooms of an especially attractive type which provides a private veranda for each room from which the magnificent scenery may be viewed without having to go on deck.

The principle object of the trip is to view the scenery and nothing but that much abused word "magnificent" can describe it. There will be stops of nearly twenty four hours each at quaint old Tadousac, the first French settlement in Canada; at the Manior Richelieu at Murray Bay and at the fascinating city of Quebec with a visit to the Montmorency Falls and the Kent House.

* The committee is already planning special social features for the trip.

The 1928 "On to Detroit Club" has been formed and some members have been enrolled. The dues are ten dollars per month payable on or before the regular meeting of Boston Commandery, or a cash deposit of one hundred dollars paid at once. This club is formed for the convenience of members and their friends. Members can withdraw from the club at any time and all moneys paid in will be returned. The advantage of joining now is that you can get the best seats on the train, best rooms in the hotel, and the best staterooms on the boat. In fact you can have the best of everything by joining now.

For further information and registration, apply to Sir Knight Wm. P. Bullard, 110 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH
ANNIVERSARY BUILDERS

The General, pointing to a map, said to his Chief-of-Staff, "I want to march my army over this River in seven days. Secure from the Engineers, plans for a bridge and bring them to me." On several occasions he inquired about the plans and received excuses. On the seventh day he again inquired of his Chief-of-Staff about the plans, who saluting replied, "If you wait for those papers it will take two weeks more. Your bridge is ready, Sir."

To become 125th Anniversary Builder, present a worthy companion for the Orders of Christian Masonry in Boston Commandery. The successful Builder is one who is liberal with his invitations and keeps on inviting until he finds a worthy companion who is interested.

There are many who are ready if approached, but it may be necessary to see several who are not quite ready before we find the worthy one who is.

Are we becoming builders as fast as we should—are we using our opportunities among our Chapter companions? On March 12, 1927, will be our 125th anniversary, will we have our Bridge completed? We can and will if each member becomes a builder.

It is not enough to feel I am in, but to do the bigger thing invite others to come in, and enjoy your Commandery with you. Start now to become a Builder for the 125th anniversary celebration.

For further particulars see or write, Winfield L. Nourse, Chairman of the 125th Anniversary Builders, 1219 Chamber of Commerce, Boston, or any officer of Boston Commandery.

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